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Of the Whole
Proceedings at the Sessions,

Holden at the *Sessions-House* in the *Old-Baily*, for the
City of *London*, County of *Middlesex*, &c.

Which began on the twelfth of this Instant July, and ended the 16th: of the same.

Giving a Particular Relation of the Tryals of divers
High-way-men, Clippers, Fellons, Traytors, and Conspirators, but more
especially of the Tryals of

WILLIAM, Lord RUSSEL.
THOMAS WALCOT.
JOHN ROUSE.
WILLIAM HONE.

Who were Tried, and found Guilty, for Conspiring
against the Life of the King, and endeavouring the Subver-
sion of the Government, with the Sentence pronounced
against them, &c.

Entered according to ORDER

AT this Sessions, beginning the day aforesaid, First in order, were Tried
Thomas Wilson, and *James Johnson*, upon three several Indictments; one
for Robbing Esq; *Hide of Highgate* on the Road, of divers Rings, Mo-
ney, and other things, to the value of Eighty pound: Another for
Robbing *Robert Abel* of a Watch, Rings, Money, a Coat, and other Things:
And the last for Murthering one *George Evans*. The Evidence upon the Tryal,
Swore to both the Indictments upon the Robbery, that the Prisoners were the
Men that Robbed the Persons aforesaid, and that upon Search, the Buttons of the
Coat, taken at that time, was found in *Johnson's* Lodging: As to the Murther, it
appeared to be thus. The Townsmen of *Islington* having notice of the Robbe-
ries committed that way, layed the Ways, and in a short time met the Prisoners,
whom they suspecting to be the Robbers, commanded them to surrender them-
selves, which they refused, endeavouring to escape, and *Johnson* finding himself
hardly pursued, he with a Pistol shot *Evans*, the Person that pursued him, of
which Wound the next day he died: The Prisoners Pleaded Innocence as to the
Robbery, but not being able to give any good Account of themselves they were
upon full Evidence found Guilty.

John

John Muglestone, *Roger Muglestone*, and *John Harris*, were tryed for Clipping the Currant Coine of this Kingdom, as *Elizabeth*, *James*, and *Charles the First*, *Halfe-Crowns*, *Shillings*, &c. The Evidence was, that the former of the Prisoners had at divers times been seen to Clip and File Money, and that he sent a Youth to sell divers quantities of melted Silver, with one of which Parcels being seized by the Goldsmith to whom he offered it, he confessed where he had it, upon which the Prisoners House was searched, where divers Shears, Melting-Pots, Files, and other such like Instruments were found: As also, a considerable quantity of Clipped Money: As to the Second Person he was Brother to the former, and assisting to him in his Defrauding Occupation: And against *Harris* it was Sworn, that he furnished the Prisoners with Money, and had Six-pence in the Pound for Clipping, and that he had of a long time been of Confederacy with them; upon which, and sundry other Circumstances, as the Instruments being produced in Court, and the Bars of Melted Silver, and the like, the Jury found them all three guilty of the *High-Treason*, as in the Indictment layed.

This Sessions *William Lord Russel*, was Tryed upon an Indictment for *High-Treason*, for designing to Leavy War, and compass the Death of His Majesty. The Evidence against him was the Lord *Howard*, Collonel *Shepherd* a Vintner in *Cornhill*, &c. who Deposed, that he had been at divers Consults in order to raise Rebellion and Leavy War, and a General Rising throughout the Kingdom, and that a Declaration had been drawn to that purpose, and a Survey taken of the King's Guards at the *Savoy* and *Muse*, in order to Surptize them, &c. So that after divers Arguments the Jury found him Guilty of the *High-Treason*.

Thomas Wallcot, *John Rouse*, *William Hone*, and *William Blake*, were Tryed for Conspiring against the Life of the King, and designing to Subvert the Government, and make a miserable Slaughter amongst the King's Subjects as to the three former it plainly appeared, that they had been in divers Consults about Killing the King and Duke in their Return from *New-Market*, that it was absolutely concluded, and Arms for that purpose prepared, but that the Fire occasioning the King's sudden remove prevented it against the later. Evidence was given that he was to raise a pow'r of Seamen to seize on the Tower, and for that purpose had prepared Shipping to batter it from off the Water, and that divers Discourses tending thereto had been by him uttered, but the main stress as to *Blake*, rested upon one Evidence only, whereupon after Charge given, the Jury found the three former Guilty of *High-Treason*, and Acquitted the later.

William Lord Russel, *Thomas Wallcot*, *John Rouse*, and *William Hone*, being Convicted as abovesaid, the King's Attorney General prayed Judgment against them, whereupon they were brought to the Bar, and asked what they had to say why Judgment should not be awarded against them, &c. whereupon the Lord *Russel* desired to hear the Indictment read, which was allowed, and then made some Objections, that there was no proof against him of his actual designing to kill the King, only for Conspiring to Leavy War, &c. but he was told that the Verdict was passed, and it now remained the Duty of the Court to pass Sentence. *Hone*, *Wallcot*, and *Rouse*, being asked what they could say, desired that their Friends might have liberty to see them, and time to prepare for another World. Then Sentence was passed, as followeth, *viz.* That they should return to the place from whence they came, from thence be drawn to the Common place of Execution upon Hurdles, and there to be Hanged by the Neck, then cut down alive, their Privy-Members cut off, and Bowels taken out to be burnt before their Faces, their Heads to be severed from their Bodies, and their Bodies divided into four parts, to be disposed of as the King should think fit.

William

William Knowles was Tryed, for that he the 20th of June broke open the house of *Phillip Stubb* in *Cornhill*, and took thence in Plate and Money, to the value of 50 pounds, which Robbery he before the Justice upon his being Apprehended, confessed to have thus effected, viz. That going up and finding the Key in the Chamber-door, he opened it, and broke open the Boxes with an Iron Skewer, and took out the Plate, Money, &c. some of which Plate upon proffer to Sale was stopped, and he Apprehended. This and other Evidence given against him he was found Guilty of the Felony.

Francis Smith of *St. Andrew's Holburn*, was Tryed upon an Indictment of *High-Treason*, for Clipping the Lawful Coin of this Kingdom, when by one Evidence it appeared that he had often with Shears and other Instruments Clipped, Filed, and Diminished Half-Crowns, Shillings, Sixpences, and the like; but the other Witness not Swearing positive, but only by Circumstances, the Prisoner was Acquitted.

Jane Dodson an Old-woman, was Tryed for a Witch, it being Sworn against her, that she used divers *Hellish Arts* and *Inchantations* to destroy divers Persons especially that she lamed and distorted by her Cunning in *Witchcraft* and *Sorcery*, one *Mary Palmer*, and killed another as the Evidence believed; but not making it appear what means she used, or how the matter was brought about, and divers Persons appearing to Testifie her Life and Conversation, she was Acquitted.

William Barret, and *Elizabeth Attwell* were indicted for Robbing one *Mr. Cuttler* of *Hornsey* of 100 pounds in money, which Robbery *Barret* confessed, and declared that none but himself was concerned in the Robbery, whereupon the other was Acquitted.

John Spittle and one *Gratrick*, took their Tryals for Robbing one *Mr. Pitts* near *Mile-end* on the 9th of May last of a Watch, four Pounds in Money, Rings, a Silver-handled Knife and Fork, the which being positively sworn against them by reason the Party Robbed knew them at the time of the Robbery, and therefore had narrowly Escaped with Life, and they proved Notorious Offenders, the Jury found them Guilty.

Elizabeth Mason of the Parish of *St. Sepulchres*, was Tryed for Stealing a Goat valued at Twenty shillings, from *Thomas Midwinter*, but it appearing that she had it of his Maid Servant she was Acquitted.

Joseph Brockly was Indicted for several Parcels of Goods from one *Mr. Lowman*, to which upon his Arraignment he Pleaded the old *New-gate Plea*, viz. Guilty of that and all other Felonies within the Benefit of his Clergy.

Richard Sinnel was Indicted for Marrying a second Wife during the Life of his first Wife, to which Indictment he pleaded Guilty, owning the Fact, which by Law is Felony.

John Plumpton was Tryed for Conveying away on the 10th of June divers pieces of Plate from *Edward Vile*, who intrusted him therewith, but it appearing they were delivered into his Custody, it was not Felony, whereupon he was Acquitted.

Francis English an In-keeper, was Tryed for taking a Mare from one *Mr. Long* upon the Road, which Mare was afterward found in his Stable, but he alledging she was brought in by a stranger, who the next day promised to call for her, and bringing divers to Attest where he was at the time the Robbery was Committed, the Jury Acquitted him.

Margaret Nicolson, was Tryed for Clipping the Lawful Coin of this Kingdom, as Shillings, Half-Crowns, &c. which was first suspected, as it was given in Evidence against her, by changing divers Clipped pieces of Money, and searching her house they

they found Files, Shears, and Rubbing-stones, which the Prisoner alledged were left there when she came to the house, and there being no actual Clipping proved, she was Acquitted.

Margaret Chamberlain was Tryed for stealing Knives, Canes, and Swords from one *Mr. Warradine* a Cutler, in *St. Martin's* in the Fields, the proof against her was, that part of the Goods were found about her, and that she had sold the rest in divers places, to which she Pleaded that they were delivered to her by a Woman she met in *Holborn* by chance, but not being able to prove it, she was found Guilty.

George Jones, was Arraigned for stealing 10 *l.* in Money numbered, from *Thomas Frind*, upon plain proof of which he was Convicted of the Felony, as likewise was *Joseph Dumpy* for stealing goods to a considerable value from one *John Roman*. *Jonathan Ball* was likewise Tryed and found Guilty for Robbing *John Cross* of five Pounds in Money.

John South Esq; took his Tryal for killing *William Atkinson* in the Parish of *St. Andrew's Holborn*, on the 26. of *May* last, the Manner thus. The Prisoner and the Deceased in the Passage of a Yard in *Grays-Inn-Lane* drew upon each other, and after a Pass, closed, and then falling off again departed to their respective Habitations, but the Deceased had first received a Wound in his Belly of which in a short time he died; but no former Quarrel being proved, nor any Malicious Intent, the Prisoner was found Guilty of Man-slaughter only, and for stay of Burning in the hand, producing the King's Warrant, he was Dismissed upon giving security to Appear the next Goal-Delivery: Bail was likewise taken for *William Blake* the Sea Captain, Tryed for *High-Treason*, and Acquitted as is aforesaid.

Isabel Simms was Tryed for Robbing *John Brown* of *St. Martin's*, of a Silver Tankard, 3 Silver Spoons, a Silver Salt, a Cup, and divers other pieces of Plate, to the value of 24 pounds, which Robbery, as the Witnesses deposed, she confessed some time after her being Apprehended, and that she was in the house a little before the Robbery was Committed, to inquire for a Lodger, whereupon she was found Guilty.

John Knot was Tryed for stealing a Scarfe, a Hood, a Cornet, and other things from one *Mr. Parsons* on the third of *May* last, many of the things being afterward found where he had disposed of them, upon which he was found Guilty.

Benjamin Cooper was Tryed for stealing a Silver Cup, a Silver Thimble, and other Plate to the value of 30 shillings from *Samuel Wadcot* of *Holborn*, on the 28 of *May* last, which Goods being proved to be taken upon him, he was found Guilty.

Joseph Mills was Tryed for stealing Sheets, Plate, Money, Rings, and divers sorts of wearing Linnen, to the value of 30 *l.* from *Jane Gurrell* of the Parish of *St. Martin's* in the Fields on the 26 of *June* last, the Evidence given against him was, that upon search, a Purse with divers Rings, owned by the Prosecutors, was found between the Bed and Mat in his Lodging Chamber, but there being no positive proof of the Felony, and he bringing divers to give the Court an account of his Life and Conversation, he was acquitted.

Mary Griffith was Tryed for stealing a Silver Tankard from *Anne Ray* on the 22d. of *May* last, but the proof against her being weak, she was acquitted.

Anthony Symphon was Indicted and Tryed for Killing one *George Butler* on the 26th. of *May* last; as likewise were *John Scot* and *Samuel Godlygood*, for killing *Mary Edwards* on the 30th of *June* last, but the Evidence being but Circumstantial, and not Positive, they were all 3 acquitted.

Elizabeth Hall was Tryed for stealing a Scarfe, an Apron, and divers other wearing Appanel from *Henry Taylor* of *Aldersgate* Parish, but the proof against her being deficient, she was acquitted.

On *Saturday* the *Grand Jury* delivered an Address in order to its being presented to His Majesty, expressing therein the Joy they conceive for the Preservation of His Majesties Sacred Person, and their just detestation and abhorrence of the detestable Conspiracy lately carried on to Depose and Murder him and to Subvert the Government, &c.

This Sessions, *William Lord Russel*, *Thomas Walcot*, *John Rouse* and *William Hone*, received Sentence for *High-Treason* as Conspirators; *John Mugglestone*, *John Harris*, and *Roger Mugglestone*, were likewise Sentenced for *High-Treason* for Clipping and Defacing the Currant Coin of this Kingdom, *Thomas Wilson*, *Miles Johnson*, *John Spittle*, *William Gratrix*, *Mary Chamberlaine*, and *Elizabeth Simmes*, were Sentenced for divers Robberies and Fellowies, these for *Treason* to be Drawn, Hang'd, and Quartered, and the others to be hanged only,

George Jones, *Richard Simmel*, *Jonathan Ball*, and *Benjamin Cooper*, were Burnt in the hand, *John Knot*, *Will. Knowles*, *Joseph Drumpy*, and *Thomas Barret* ordered for Transportation, and so ended this Remarkable Sessions.

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These are to give notice that notwithstanding a short Account of the Tryals of *William Lord Russel*, *Thomas Walcot*, *William Hone*, *John Rouse*, and *William Blake*, that are given in this and other Papers, Published by the Publisher hereof, that the Tryal at large will be shortly Published by *Richard Chiswel* at the *Role and Crown* in *St. Paul's Church-yard*.

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